



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1424

home based businesses; licensing moratorium; unemployment

Purpose

Creates a licensing moratorium for home-based businesses if the statewide unemployment rate, according to the Office of Employment and Population Statistics, exceeds 10 percent.

Background

The Office of Employment and Population Statistics (EPS) is a division of the Arizona Department of Administration Director's Office. EPS produces demographic, labor force and economic information for Arizona.

The EPS Labor Statistics Office works under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Labor Statistics Bureau collects and produces data and analyses for the Current Employment Statistics (CES), Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) and the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) programs as specified by contract with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data produced include current and historical employment, unemployment and labor force statistics. The above graph displays EPS unemployment percentages for the preceding 10 years.



Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-1079, any state agency that issues licenses shall provide: a) a list of all of the steps the applicant is required to take in order to obtain the license; b) the applicable licensing time frames; and c) the name and telephone number of an agency contact person who can answer questions or provide assistance throughout the application process.

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There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Prohibits an agency, except the Department of Health Services (DHS), from requiring a home-based business in this state to have a valid license when the statewide unemployment rate, according to EPS, exceeds 10 percent.
2. Specifies that an agency may require valid licenses for home-based businesses once the statewide unemployment rate, according to EPS, drops below 6 percent.
3. Defines *agency* as any agency, department, board or commission of this state or of any political subdivision of this state that issues a license for the purpose of operating business in this state or to an individual who provides a service to any person but not DHS.
4. Defines *license* as any permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter or similar form of authorization that is:
 - a) issued by any agency for the purpose of operating a business or to an individual who provides a service to any person; and
 - b) required by law to perform that service.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

- Exempts the Department of Health Services from bill provisions.

Senate Action

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